

REMARKS

By this paper claim 5 is amended and new claims 16 and 17 are added.

Claim 5 has been amended to identify the recited amino acid sequence as SEQ ID NO: 1. In addition, the section of the specification that recites this amino acid sequence has also been amended to identify the recited amino acid sequence as SEQ ID NO: 1. No new matter is added by this amendment. In compliance with the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 to § 1.825, a sequence listing reciting the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 is being filed concurrently with the present paper.

New claims 16 and 17 have been added to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled. Support for new claims 16 and 17 can be found in the specification as filed. Specifically, support for genetically modified organisms producing ester-group-cleaving enzymes is found on page 4 of the specification at paragraph 3, and support for ester-group-cleaving enzymes having the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 is found on page 5 of the specification and in originally filed claim 5. No new matter is added by the addition of these new claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks herewith, prompt examination of the present application on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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